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CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE DEFUSE AN ATTEMPTED SUICIDE IN ELLINGTON

On February 15, 2005 at approximately 10:30 a.m., a caretaker for the Ellington Cemetery located at Route 140 and Church Street in Ellington discovered a suspicious vehicle parked on the cemetery grounds. The caretaker observed that the vehicle appeared to be occupied by a male who was in possession of a firearm. The caretaker contacted the Connecticut State Police via 911 and reported this incident.

The Ellington Resident Trooper's Office, along with State Troopers from the Troop C Tolland responded to the area. The responding Troopers immediately secured the scene and confirmed that a person was present in a vehicle on the cemetery grounds, and was armed with a firearm.

State Troopers advised the Superintendent of Schools of the situation and the Ellington High School was secured. Homeowners surrounding the cemetery were advised of the situation and advised to stay in a safe area of their homes.

The State Police Emergency Services Unit, including tactical team members, K9 teams, negotiators and Trooper One helicopter as well as all necessary equipment and personnel responded to the area. After 2 hours and 45 minutes of negotiations, a State Police negotiator successfully convinced the despondent male subject to surrender his firearm. The despondent male was taken into custody without further incident. This male was transported via ambulance to Rockville General Hospital for an emergency medical evaluation.

The Ellington Resident Trooper will assume the investigation of this incident. There appears to be no criminal aspect to this incident.

The despondent male is a resident of Ellington, however his identity is being withheld.

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